

A³ Page 2, line 15, please insert the following paragraphs: Figure 1 shows an example of a device in accordance with the invention with an inserted electrode for plasma generation, and

Figure 2 shows a second example of a device in accordance with the invention with an opening through which microwaves can be directed for plasma generation. - -

A⁴ Page 2, before line 21 please insert the following heading: -DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION- -

A⁵ Page 2, line 22 please insert the following paragraphs: Figure 1 represents a box structure 1 with rectangular cross section. An end face 8 is formed as an opening through which objects 2 are introduced and can be removed. Opening 8 can, as shown, be reclosed. The operating gas can be introduced into the flat structure 1 through opening 3 and can be removed again through the larger and diametrically oppositely arranged opening 4.

Electrode 5, which is in this case connected as an anode, is inserted via an additional opening 6'. Between anode 5 and the box structure 1 there is insulation, not shown, so that the potentials are separate from one another.

A⁶ Page 3, line 1 please insert the following paragraphs: Figure 2 shows as a cylindrical box structure 1 in which several objects 2 are arranged on a support 7 insulated from the box structure 1. The upper face is again formed as a cover 8, which can be removed and reattached.

There is an opening 6 in cover 8, through which microwaves can be directed into the interior of the box structure 1 and a plasma can be generated.

In this example there are two openings 3 in the outer jacket surface, through which operating gas can be introduced into the interior of the box structure 1. The gas can be removed through opening 4, which in this example is combined with a support, from the box structure 1. - -

N.E. Page 10, line 15, please delete "The organization of possible examples of a device in accordance with the invention is described in more detail below."

N.E. Page 10, line 17, please delete "Here:"

Page 10, line 18, please delete "Figure 1 shows an example of a device in accordance with the invention with an inserted electrode for plasma generation, and

N.E. Page 10, line 20 please delete "Figure 2 shows a second example of a device in accordance with the invention with an opening through which microwaves can be directed for plasma generation."

N.E. Page 10, line 23, please delete "Figure 1 represents a box structure 1 with rectangular cross section. An end face 8 is formed as an opening through which objects 2 are introduced and can be removed. Opening 8 can, as shown, be recessed. The operating gas can be introduced into the flat structure 1 through opening 3 and can be removed again through the larger and diametrically oppositely arranged opening 4."

N.E. Page 10, line 28 please delete "Electrode 5, which is in this case connected as an anode, is inserted via an additional opening 6'. Between anode 5 and the box structure 1 there is insulation, not shown, so that the potentials are separate from one another."

N.E. Page 11, line 1 please delete "Figure 2 shows a cylindrical box structure 1, in which again several objects 2 are arranged on a support 7 insulated from the box structure 1. The upper face is again formed as a cover 8, which can be removed and reattached."

N.E. Page 11, line 4 please delete "There is an opening 6 in cover 8, through which microwaves can be directed into the interior of the box structure 1 and a plasma can be generated."

N.E. Page 11, line 6 please delete "In this example there are two openings 3 in the outer jacket surface, through which operating gas can be introduced into the interior of the box structure 1. The gas can be removed through opening 4, which in this example is combined with a support, from the box structure 1."

IN THE SUMMARY

Please preliminary amend the Summary as follows:

Page 14 line 1, please delete "Summary" and insert - -ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE- -.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please preliminary amend the claims as follows:

Claim 4, line 1, after "in" please delete "one of Claims 1-3," and insert - -claim 1- -.

Claim 5, line 1, after "in" please delete "one of Claims 1-4," and insert - -claim 1- -.

Claim 6, line 1, after "in" please delete "one of Claims 1-5," and insert - -claim 1- -.

Claim 7, line 1, after "in" please delete "one of Claims 1-6," and insert - -claim 1- -.

Claim 8, line 1, after "in" please delete "one of Claims 1-7," and insert - -claim 1- -.

Claim 9, line 1, after "in" please delete "one of Claims 1-8," and insert - -claim 1- -.

Claim 9, line 2, after "opening" please cancel "(5)" and insert - -(4)- -.